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SONORA SIFTINGS.

Collection of Happenings in the State
Over the Line.

Mr. Wirt Bowman has retired from the position of the Torres & Prietas railway.

At La Colorada Fleischer Brothers have their new clothing store in running order and are doing a fine business. Mr. Juan Arismendez is manager.

In Tucson last week there died Señora Doña Raquel Majochi de Serrano, widow of Fernando P. Serrano, a wealthy capitalist who was in his life time possessed of heavy interests in the Altar district.

Through misinformation THE OASIS stated recently that Mr. R. J. Hartman had leased the building of Mr. Jas. H. Brent at Torres. Mr. Hartman writes that this was an error and this correction is cheerfully given.

The Bisbee Orb says: The surveyors of the Bisbee Nacosari railroad are making good headway with their work, and have completed the work to the San Miguelito mine. They are working toward Nacosari.

At Hermosillo, Monday evening a grand ball was given at the governmental palace, and the following day (Mardi Gras) was observed by the usual throwing of cascabels. The throwing of flour was at first prohibited, but afterward the permission was revoked and it was permitted during an hour in the afternoon.

Mr. Carlos Campacos, who has been in charge of the International Telegraph office in Nogales, Sonora, left Sunday night for Monterey, Mex., where he will be at the head of the Associated Press department. Mr. Campacos made many warm friends during his stay in Nogales who regret his departure, but are glad to see him promoted.

The Bisbee correspondent of the Tombstone Prospector, in Wednesday's issue of that paper states that Dr. Carleton left that morning for Nacosari, Sonora, Mex., where he will be permanently stationed as company physician. Dr. Carleton is one of the most popular professional men in the city, and his departure is deeply regretted by all. The best wishes of the entire community go with him.

A friend writes THE OASIS from Saguai Grande that recently some very rich placer were discovered one mile north of that place. The dirt pays very well, and ten dry washer machines are already at work. Mr. J. J. Sotomayer has started a factory to manufacture dry washers, and he cannot fill the numerous orders received, as everyone in town has the fever and wants at least one machine. People are selling cattle, horses, land, anything which will bring them money, to buy machines.

THE OASIS regrets to learn that the litigation over Mr. Jas. H. Brent's "Casita" mine, in the Sahuaripa district, continues in a vexatious shape, which is very annoying and discouraging to him, and entirely unaccountable. With decisions in his favor from all the courts—state and federal—the last from the supreme court of the republic, he is yet kept from pos-

session of his property, and his adversaries are stripping it of ore. By some juggle of the district authorities this is being done, and Mr. Brent is in a quandary. He has been advised by friends to lay the matter before the authorities at Washington, to see if they will not take the matter in hand and secure redress; and he contemplates doing so.

Immediately it was known that Mr. King had died Col. Seymour, president-proprietor of the Torres & Prietas railway communicated with Mr. John J. Valentine, president of Wells, Fargo & Co., proposing the arrangement now in operation by which Mr. Chas. Pearson, father of Mrs. King, succeeded the deceased gentleman in the agency of Wells, Fargo & Co., at Prietas, with the lady herself as his assistant. Col. Seymour at the same time volunteering to appoint Mr. Pearson his own agent. Mr. L. F. Rowell of Wells, Fargo & Co., immediately wired Col. Seymour that his suggestion had been accepted by Mr. Valentine, and it was immediately put into force.

It is reported that the mines of the National Mexican & Mining Co., at El Plomo, in the Altar district have closed down for the present. The mill is seven miles from the mine and the company have concluded to move it up to the mine and increase its capacity; also build a tramway and put up a steam hoist. The shaft is down 350 feet besides several hundred feet of development work. They have 10,000 tons of ore in sight that will average thirty-five dollars in gold per ton, free milling. They also own the Portras mine, carrying gold, but the ore being base will have to be concentrated. The old El Plomo mine from which the camp gets its name is one of the group. It is a lead-silver mine and has been worked for nearly a hundred years. It has large bodies of ore to work on yet.

The Rio Yaqui Mining Co., of Big Springs, Texas, which has had prospectors in the field several months, reports having recently made some very rich quartz discoveries about sixty miles from Sahuaripa. To an El Paso reporter one of the company said: "About two months ago our prospecting party located two very rich veins of silver at a point about 60 miles northeast of Sahuaripa, and about 75 miles southwest of Casas Grandes. Now, I am unacquainted with the country and am only guessing as to distances from what I have been told by others. But anyway Mr. Beauchamp, our manager, struck the two silver veins, lying close together within sixty miles of Sahuaripa, and the other day the secretary of our company received from Mr. Beauchamp a report in which he stated that he had cross-cut the two silver veins and that in doing so struck gold rich."

At the Creston hoist, at Minas Prietas, two new sixty horse power boilers have been set up.

It is reported that Mr. Geo. McCarty has bought of Penelli Brothers at Minas Prietas and La Colorada, their water system.

The Torres & Prietas Railway is doing a rushing business, and is one of the most profitable properties in the state of Sonora.

NOGALES NOTES.

Interesting Items Gathered Around the
Line Cities.

Sunday Closing.

Last week Reverend J. H. Heald of the Congregational church, solicited the views of a number of well known citizens of Nogales upon the question of closing places of business on Sunday, and in a lecture delivered Sunday evening he presented the results of his investigations. He stated that with hardly any exception the gentlemen with whom he conversed believed that as a beneficial proposition abstention from business or labor upon the Sabbath was good for all men; and a greater part of the business men of the town were strongly in favor of closing all the stores and places of business, being willing to close their own, and keep them closed the entire day, could they have an assurance that all the others would do likewise. Some were in favor of closing if the saloons could be included; others were in favor of the proposition with the saloons excepted from the rule. Many believed that the matter could be regulated by the town board with an ordinance; while others doubted whether such an ordinance would be enforced, instancing the non-observance of many excellent enactments already spread upon the ordinance book, such as the ordinances prohibiting obstructions on the sidewalks, depositing dirt and rubbish in the streets, etc.; it being held that as the ordinance prohibiting opening stores on Sunday, like the two mentioned, could not be enforced without making arrests, and that as the offenders would always be men of more or less influence the officers would quietly overlook (as now) their violation of the ordinance. Summing the matter up the reverend gentleman had reached a conclusion that the consensus of opinion is that Sunday closing in Nogales would be most excellent, but that at present the idea is impractical.

Thursday evening Colonel Juan Fenochio, comandante of La Gendarmeria Fiscal, came up from Hermosillo to attend the ball given yesterday evening by Mr. Mertens. Colonel Fenochio has but recently returned from the City of Mexico, where he went on official business. During his absence he accompanied President Diaz on a tour through the states of San Luis Potosi and Tamaulipas. The party were on the rounds twenty-four days. Colonel Fenochio is a friend of General Diaz of many years standing, having been a subordinate officer during a period of forty-one years.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson is arranging to cut off the front of her building opposite the electric light plant (the old Masonic hall building,) in accordance with the order of the town board widening Morley avenue at that point and northward, and the work will begin about the first of March. The town clerk's office will have to be moved, and two locations are in view—the room at the back of the International bank; and the Gebler building on the west side of Railroad avenue.

Fresh fish and oysters, directly from Guaymas, delivered by Franco Brothers.

Taxpayer's Municipal Ticket.

It is now but a few weeks before the biennial municipal election takes place in the town of Nogales. Already one body of citizens has met in convention and has nominated a full ticket—the ticket is full, not the candidates. It is called the "Taxpayers Ticket." Wednesday evening the nominations were made, and Thursday's edition of the Vidette stated that such a convention had been held, and published the names of the nominees; but our contemporary omitted mentioning the place where the convention met, who were the chairman and secretary, or who participated in its deliberations. Thursday afternoon one of the gentlemen who were nominated supplied THE OASIS with data, so far as he could recall from memory.

He stated that some of those present were Messrs. J. L. Hathaway, Alfred Hampton, A. L. Peck, H. R. Chenoweth, W. F. Chenoweth, F. J. Duffy, W. H. Randall, Maurice Breen, Steve Aguirre, Eb. Williams, Ramon Vasquez. The informant stated that there were a few more taxpayers present, but he couldn't recall all of them. Mr. W. H. Randall was elected chairman, and Mr. F. J. Duffy secretary of the convention.

The ticket placed in nomination was as follows:

For Councilmen: Ramon Vasquez, Anton Proto, George R. Marsh, W. F. Schmonmaker, W. F. Overton.
For Marshal: Maurice Breen.
For Clerk: F. J. Duffy.
For Street Superintendent: T. F. Brodrick.

The ticket in the main consists of good material, and the Vidette asserts that it will doubtless be elected; and there is no doubt of the truth of that assertion if the nominees all receive enough votes. But no platform or declaration of principles is put forward to show upon what issues the gentlemen on the ticket hope to go into office; and to the unbiased observer it looks very much like the ticket was put up at this early date so the nominees can "get in early and avoid the rush."

Yesterday evening Mr. W. C. Smith, superintendent of the Francisco and Esperanza mines, came up from Guadalupe, accompanying Mr. H. J. Phalon of New York, one of the directors of the company, who was returning home from a visit to the mines. Mr. Smith will remain at Nogales a day or so.

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